

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the autumn term. We have started the week with children enjoying the new playground equipment, which has brought lots of smiles and excitement during playtimes. We are delighted to begin the new school year and look forward to working together to ensure the best possible education and experiences for our pupils.

We are pleased to confirm the following appointments within our leadership team: Mr Joseph Sachs – Assistant Headteacher, Ms Rebecca Sam – Interim Assistant Headteacher, and Ms Zolekha Razzaque – Interim Assistant Headteacher. These colleagues will be working closely with staff, pupils, and families to support learning and wellbeing across the school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please follow the escalation pathway: Class Teacher as the first point of contact for day-to-day matters, Phase Leader for issues not resolved at class teacher level, Assistant Headteacher (in some cases also the Phase Leader), Deputy Headteacher, and finally the Head of School. This process ensures that matters are addressed fairly, promptly, and at the appropriate level.

Regular attendance is vital for children's learning and progress. Absences can have a significant impact on achievement, confidence, and social development. Please ensure that your child attends every day unless they are unwell. Arriving on time is equally important, as being late can mean missing the beginning of lessons, which sets the tone for the day. If your child is unable to attend, please inform the school office at the earliest opportunity. Together we can maintain the excellent attendance levels that support children to thrive.

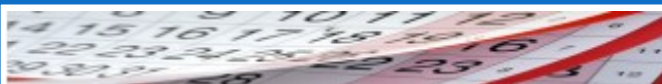
Next week we will be holding parent curriculum meetings from 9:00am to 10:00am in school and again online from 7:00pm to 7:45pm. Please check our calendar for the date of your child's meeting. Links will be sent out for the evening online meeting via the MCAS (My Child At School) app.

We will be holding a charity event, Dahlicious Roald Dahl Day, where children are invited to dress up as a favourite character or to wear yellow. A donation of £1 towards the Roald Dahl charity would be greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Friends of Selwyn (FOSS) for organising our recent pre-loved uniform sale.

Thank you for your continued support as we begin the new term together. We look forward to a productive and positive start to the year.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Patrick Mbanga
Head of School



Diary Dates

8th September: Reception parent curriculum meeting (9am-10am) online at 7pm

9th September: Year 2 parent curriculum meeting (9am-10am) online at 7pm

11th September: Year 6 parent curriculum meeting (9am-10am) online at 7pm

12th September: Year 1 parent curriculum meeting (9am-10am) online at 7pm

12th September: Dahlicious Roald Dahl Day £1 donation. Children can dress as a Roald Dahl character or wear yellow

15th September: Year 3 parent curriculum meeting (9am-10am) online at 7pm

16th September: Year 4 parent curriculum meeting (9am-10am) online at 7pm

18th September: FOSS Welcome event

18th September: Photography and Art Exhibition

19th September: Jeans for Genes Day—£1 donation. Children can wear jeans with school jumpers

19th September: Year 5 parent curriculum meeting (9am-10am) online at 7pm

Absences

If your child is going to be absent, please inform the office by 9.30am on the day of absence.

Absences can now also be reported using the MCAS app.

Breakfast club and Acorn club

For parents who wish to contact Breakfast club and Acorn club please use this number:

07716791490

The phone should be available from 7.15 - 8.45am & 3.30-6pm.

Parent reminder: All wraparound payments should be made in advance of the club commencing.

Class attendance % week ending 5th Septem-

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	80.6	Teak	94.87
Magnolia	93.3	Cedar	90
Sycamore	95	Cypress	91.11
Fir	93.68	Hawthorn	98.89
Larch	94.25	Aspen	87.93
Rowan	96.11	Beech	97.22
Lime	93.33	Hazel	90.80
Pine	100	Juniper	93.33
Poplar	87.78	Maple	93.68
Elder	93.59	Redwood	85.56
Olive	98.85		

Our Communication Strategy

Monday - Office Communication day - office will send reminders and updates to parents, highlighting key dates in the school calendar.

Tuesday - Teachers' communication day about trips or events. This will have at least 7 days' notification. The office will send information on behalf of teachers. Teachers will still respond to parents via emails.

Wednesday - Phase leaders' communication regarding major phase events or reinforcing school policy or procedures.

Thursday - Leadership information to parents for items intended to stand out and away from newsletter

Friday - Newsletter, flyers and office letters

Class	Caught being kind	Star of the week	Researcher
Ash	Leo	Ash Class	Haaris
Magnolia	Beren	Etta	Luis
Sycamore	Alfie	Sycamore Class	Cecily
Fir	Kyanna	Kysen	Leonel
Larch	Elliot	Isaac	Eman
Rowan	Otis	Noah	Ava
Lime	Safaa	Azlan	Charlene
Pine	Aidan	Samuel/ Mario	Maya G
Poplar	Ahmet	Murphie	Indy
Olive	Harrison	Nylah	Jacob
Elder	Aadil	Mehrsa	Laila
Teak	Ruben	Zayne	Seth
Hawthorn	Anna	Samar	Khalid
Cedar	Mia	Rico	Ameer
Cypress	Muhammad	Paul	Jacques
Aspen	Ameena	Jessica	Nouri
Beech	Bella	Tobias	Alfred
Hazel	Lucy	Alex	Elanur
Juniper	Ivaylo	Roshaya	Izza
Maple	Harper	Dominic	Zara
Redwood	Kishan	Reeva	Joey

School Term dates 2025 -2026

Autumn Term:

Monday 1st September 2025 to Friday 19th December 2024

Friday 24th October 2025 INSET day

Half term holiday Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2025

Spring Term:

Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026.

Monday 5th January 2026 INSET day

Half term holiday Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026.

Easter holiday Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026.

Summer Term:

Monday 13th April 2026 to Monday 20th July 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 INSET day

Half term holiday Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Summer holiday Tuesday 21st July

You asked, we did...

At Selwyn Primary, we value the feedback from parents and are committed to making improvements based on your suggestions. Here's how we have responded to your requests :

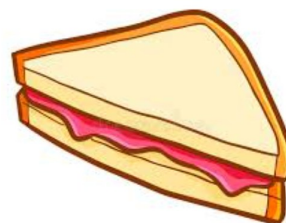
You asked for a wider range of activities, especially sports, arts and music.

- Employed a new sports coach
- More school run sports clubs in the morning and afternoon
- Sports coach to run Elite Sports
- Selwyn Sports coach at lunchtimes developing sporting skills and identifying talent
- Our Superstar Sports staff now engage children in varied sporting games at lunchtimes.
- As part of the Waltham Forest Schools Sport Network, we have access to a wide range of sporting opportunities.
- Increased participation in inter school competitions, giving children more chances to compete and develop their skills.



We are committed to continuous improvement and welcome further feedback to help us provide the best possible education and experience for our students.

Sycamore class enjoyed making jam sandwiches this week.



Selwyn Leadership Structure

Executive Headteacher: Maureen Okoye

Executive Principle: Jason Cook

Head of School/ Designated Safeguarding Lead: Patrick Mbanga

Deputy Head/ Deputy SENCo: Zafreen Mahmud

Quality Assurance/ SENCo: Samina Ahmed

Assistant Headteacher/ EYFS Lead: Constance Amankwah

Assistant Headteacher/ Wraparound Care: Geraldine Rees

Interim Assistant Headteacher/ Phase Lead Years 1 and 2: Zolekha Razzaque

Interim Assistant Headteacher/ Phase Lead Years 3 and 4: Rebecca Sam

Assistant Headteacher/ Phase Lead Years 5 and 6: Joseph Sachs

Senior Leader: Sameena Akhtar

If you have any concerns, do contact the class teacher in the first instance. If these concerns are not resolved, please contact the phase lead for your child from the list above.

What do I do if I have a concern?

Informal stage

Step 1

Address concern with a the class teacher who will be able to help you. They will be able to arrange a time to meet with you to discuss your concern.

Step 2

Speak to one of the senior leaders in the school to see if the issue can be resolved.

Step 3

If the matter is still unresolved, speak to Zafreen Mahmud, Deputy Headteacher.

Step 4

If the complaint is not yet resolved, please contact the Headteacher, Patrick Mbanga via the school office or via email

Formal Stage

Step 5

If unresolved at the informal stages then the complainant must then forward this complaint to the Chair of the Local Governing Board. The complainant must put the complaint in writing using the form provided in the Complaints procedure

Step 6

If the complainant has still not been dealt with to the desired standard, please put this in writing to the Chair of the Trust Board, clearly stating the reasons you feel this has not been dealt with the desired standard.

Step 6

If you feel that the school still has not met the above steps of the complaints procedure, then you will need to notify an external body.

Teacher's email addresses

Please find below your child's teacher's email address for communication

Class	Email address
Nursery	Constance.Amankwah@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Ash	Saba.Adeel@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Magnolia	Aisha.Kaweesi@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Sycamore	Sadia.Butt@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Fir	Shelina.Yasmin@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
	Ketisha.Blackman@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Larch	Roselyn.Watson-Graham@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Rowan	sadia.uddin@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Lime	Francesca.Markham@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Pine	Durre.Najabat@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Poplar	Zolekha.Razzaque@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Elder	Kolsuma.miah@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Olive	Mehreen.Sultana@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Teak	damla.selcuk@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Cedar	Rebecca.Sam@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Cypress	Sarah.Allyjaun@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Hawthorn	Keith.Jones@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Aspen	Audrey.Hinds@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Beech	Zafreen.Mahmud@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Hazel	Sandra.Casim@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Juniper	Sameena.Akhtar@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Maple	Joseph.Sachs@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk
Redwood	Geraldine.Rees@selwyn.arboracademytrust.co.uk

FOSS News

AUTUMN CALENDAR DATES

5TH SEPT - PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALE

18TH SEPT - FOSS BACK TO SCHOOL DRINKS

13TH OCT - SPOOKY COSTUME SWAP SHOP

17TH OCT - SPOOKY DISCO (YR1-6)

29TH NOV - WINTER FESTIVAL

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK AND
INSTAGRAM

'FRIENDS OF SELWYN SCHOOL'
FOR FULL DETAILS AND HOW TO
VOLUNTEER AT EACH EVENT

FRIENDSOFSELWYNSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM

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